

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

11/12/2015

Meeting called to order at 1837hrs. Present were Joe Goss(Chairman), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Ellen White(Town Administrator), Lynne Parker, Marie McConarty, Tom Kondrat, Jonathan Smith, Rick Morgan. Not present were Kathleen Maloney.

Matt Trahan resigned his position verbally due to a change of residency. Resignation was accepted by all present.

Minutes from 11/4/2015 were read and accepted by a unanimous vote.

The following budgets were discussed and voted upon:

Police Dept: Chief Jim Eldridge presented. Budget increase of \$51,205 or 5.07% to \$1,061,663.00. Noted an increase in salaries, overtime and health benefits. The fuel budget may have an additional decrease due to lower contract costs. Will determine as the fiscal year comes to an end. Lynne Parker had concerns about costs associated with future radio/technology upgrades. Chief Eldridge stated it would not be for a few more years. Tom Kondrat inquired about the holiday pay increase. Chief Eldridge stated that his officers were brought in line with other town employees' pay on holidays. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Police Special Duty Pay: Chief Jim Eldridge presented. Budget remains flat of \$25000.00. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Dog Officer: Ellen White presented. Budget increased \$1276 or 10.16% to \$13829. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Government Bldg: Brad Harriman presented: Budget decreased \$15707 or 6.64% to 220,748.00. The full time position is a floater and will fill gaps in various departments as needed. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Highway Dept: Brad Harriman presented. Budget increased \$18134 or 1.42% to \$1,297,250.00. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Transfer Station: Brad Harriman presented. Noted a significant increase in the E-waste recycling costs. This cost is out of our control. Test well increase this year which will drop off next year. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Selectmen Office: Ellen White presented. Budget increase of \$9115 or 1.36% to \$679,916. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Ambulance: Ellen White presented. This is now a line item budget since we have a 5 year contract for the service. The amount from April 1 to Dec 31 will be \$192,429. \$99,943.26 will be encumbered from

the 2015 budget for Jan 1 to Mar 31. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Open discussion on the next meeting's agenda regarding outside agencies.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2020 hrs. Next meeting will be on Wednesday Nov 18, 2015 1830 hrs at the Freight House.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk